

THE MISTERY UNRAVELLED.

A Touching Letter Preparatory to a Last Leap Into Eternity.

Twenty-five years ago strangers in Madrid strolling along the Prado or lounging near the Puerta del Sol observed a nurse walking to take the air, and having with her a beautiful child of five or six summers, whose face was lit up by a pair of luminous eyes, black as night, and whose smile was like a gleam of sunshine on a snowy star.

This child was born in the Spanish capital, of French parents, who belonged to the proudest stock in Gueuene and had been living in Madrid for some years. The little girl Marie was the pet of all who knew her parents, and her winning smile won it may be, the heart of many a stranger who saw her for the first time.

A woman's life may be comprised in three stages: childhood, girlhood, and that other period when roses voluntarily fall in her pathway—marriage.

Little is known of the girlhood of Marie Rode, whose body was seized on the river on last Friday by a waterman at the Battery; but it is believed to have been a happy one so far as is known, for her life to a great extent is involved in mystery—a mystery—chosen by herself, it would seem.

The little girl of the Prado and the Puerta del Sol grew to be an elegant, beautiful and accomplished woman, and in due course of time she married a man in her own rank of life at Bordeaux, where her family went to reside.

It is not even known whether the marriage was a fortunate or happy one, but it is enough to know that Madame Rode came to America and has resided in this country some years, occasionally paying a visit to Europe at intervals and returning to the United States to reside.

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M. de Compigny speaks with a strong French accent. He is anxious to give to his readers any details that you may think clear up the mystery attendant upon her decease.

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THE LATE COMPTROLLER UNABLE TO SECURE BAIL.

THREE OF THE BONDSMEN WITHDRAW.

He is transferred from the New Jail on Broadway to the Old Jail in Ludlow Street.

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down the river last night and filed with water. She will be repaired and proceed without delay.

CHATHAM, Nov. 28.—Schooner Isabella, from Boston for Philadelphia, with a cargo of ore, is ashore on Chatham Bay.

HALIFAX, Nov. 28.—The schooner Maria, from Halifax for Sydney, was wrecked near St. Peter's. The John Williams from Cape North for Cape Breton, is totally lost.

MISSISSIPPI—CAT ISLAND—MISSISSIPPI SOUND. Notice is hereby given that a new lighthouse has been erected on the western end of Cat Island.

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